

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A number drawing apparatus, comprising:

a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies supplied thereon, wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member having a vertical axis, and and a photograph or decorative backing attached to the back of the transparent disk member, said rotating unit rotates in a plane perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;

rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of said rotating unit to the surface; and

driving means for rotating said rotating unit in a fixed plane so that the supplied rolling bodies move outwardly from said rotating unit;

wherein information specified by the outward movement of each of the supplied rolling bodies is used as the result of a draw of numbers.

Claim 2 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein unique information specified by the moving rolling bodies when the bodies have stopped is used as the result of the draw.

Claim 3 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein a plurality of regions to which unique symbols are assigned are provided along the periphery of said rotating

unit, and the result of the draw is determined by the symbols assigned to the regions in which the rolling bodies stops.

Claim 4 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein N different symbols, determined by the outward movement of N rolling bodies, are specified as the results of the draw, where N represents a natural number not less than 2.

Claim 5 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus, comprising:
a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies supplied thereon, wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member having a vertical axis, and rotates in a plane perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;
rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of said rotating unit to the surface;
driving means for rotating said rotating unit in a fixed plane so that each of the supplied rolling bodies randomly travel outwardly from a supplied position in a direction toward the periphery of said rotating unit; and
a plurality of catching units provided along the periphery of said rotating unit, the catching units each having a unique symbol assigned thereto;
wherein the result of a draw of numbers is specified by the symbol assigned to the catching unit in which the moving rolling body is caught.

Claim 6 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the plurality of catching units each include a detecting means for outputting a predetermined signal when the rolling body is caught, and the output signal specifies the symbol assigned to the catching unit in which the rolling body is caught.

Claim 7 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein when the catching units catch the rolling bodies, the catching units hold the rolling bodies so that the rolling bodies partly protrude, and allow the rolling bodies to fall with predetermined timing.

C | Claim 8 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein until N different symbols are determined in sets of N rolling bodies where N represents a natural number not less than 2, the catching units hold the N rolling bodies, and allow all the N rolling bodies to simultaneously fall with predetermined timing.

Claim 9 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the rolling-body-supply means includes a supply hole for supplying the rolling bodies, and a guidance mechanism for accelerating the rolling bodies and for guiding the accelerated rolling bodies to the surface.

Claim 10 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the distance between the supply hole and the surface is equal in all directions.

Claim 11 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 5, further comprising a return wall for returning each of the rolling bodies which has not been caught by any one of the catching units.

Claim 12 (original) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the return wall accelerates the rolling body and returns the accelerated rolling body.

Claim 13 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the

C (rolling bodies are spheres.

Claim 14 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus, comprising:

a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies in which each attitude of the rolling bodies or each position at which the rolling bodies stop specifies a unique symbol, wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member having a vertical axis, and rotates in a plane perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;

rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of the rotating unit to the surface; and

driving means for rotating the rotating unit so that each of the supplied rolling bodies randomly travel outwardly for a supplied position in a direction toward the periphery of the rotating unit;

wherein symbols specified by the moving rolling bodies when the bodies have stopped are used as the results of a draw of numbers.

Claim 15 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the driving means dynamically changes the rotational speed and/or rotational direction of the rolling bodies.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

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Claim 18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (previously presented) A game machine including a number drawing apparatus and providing a game player with a game prize in accordance with the result of a draw of numbers by the number drawing apparatus,

the number drawing apparatus comprising:

a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies supplied thereon, wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member having a vertical axis, and rotates in a plane perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;

rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of said rotating unit to the surface; and

driving means for rotating the rotating unit in a fixed plane so that the supplied rolling bodies move outwardly from the rotating unit;

wherein information specified by the outward movement of each of the supplied rolling bodies is used as the result of a draw of numbers.

Claim 20 (previously presented) A game machine including a number drawing apparatus and providing a game player with a game prize in accordance with the result of a draw of numbers by the number drawing apparatus,

the number drawing apparatus comprising:
a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies supplied thereon having a vertical axis,
wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member, and rotates in a plane
perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;

rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of the rotating unit to the surface;

driving means for rotating the rotating unit in a fixed plane so that each of the supplied rolling bodies randomly travel outwardly from a supplied position in a direction toward the periphery of the rotating unit; and

a plurality of catching units provided along the periphery of the rotating unit, the catching units each having a unique symbol assigned thereto;

wherein the result of a draw of numbers is specified by the symbol assigned to the catching unit in which the moving rolling body is caught.

Claim 21 (previously presented) A game machine including a number drawing apparatus and providing a game player with a game prize in accordance with the result of a draw of numbers by the number drawing apparatus,

the number drawing apparatus comprising:

a rotating unit having a surface which rolls rolling bodies in which each attitude of the rolling bodies or each position at which the rolling bodies stop specifies a unique symbol, wherein the rotating unit consists of a transparent disk member having a vertical axis, and rotates in a plane perpendicular to the vertical axis of the disk member;

rolling-body-supply means for supplying the rolling bodies from the central portion of the rotating unit to the surface; and

driving means for rotating the rotating unit so that each of the supplied rolling bodies randomly travel outwardly from a supplied position in a direction toward the periphery of the rotating unit;

wherein symbols specified by the moving rolling bodies when the bodies have stopped are used as the results of a draw of numbers.

Claim 22 (previously presented) A game machine according to Claim 19, wherein the game machine is a bingo game machine in which the result of the draw provides different effects to a plurality of game players.

Claim 23 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the rolling bodies are spheres.

Claim 24 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the driving means dynamically changes the rotational speed and/or rotational direction of the rolling bodies.

Claim 25 (previously presented) A number drawing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the driving means dynamically changes the rotational speed and/or rotational direction of the rolling bodies.

C) Claim 26 (previously presented) A game machine according to claim 20, wherein the game machine is a bingo game machine in which the result of the draw provides different effects to a plurality of game players.

Claim 27 (previously presented) A game machine according to claim 21, wherein the game machine is a bingo game machine in which the result of the draw provides different effects to a plurality of game players.

Claim 28 (currently amended) A game machine according to ~~claim 1~~, claim 5, wherein a photograph or decorative backing is provided on the back of the rotating unit.
